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SUBJECT: ECHEVERRIA VISIT

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1. WITH SCARCELY A PERCEPTIBLE BACKWARD GLANCE, PRESS
TREATMENT SURROUNDING ECHEVERRIA VISIT HAS BECOME MORE
BALANCED REGARDING SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS AND HEAVILY CORDIAL
IN TONE. IN THE VANGUARD OF THE SHIFT WAS THE EDITORIAL
RELEASED BY THE OFFICIAL NEWS SERVICE AGENCIA NACIONAL,
WHICH NOTED ALMOST TWO CENTURIES OF RELATIONS WITHOUT
SERIOUS DIFFERENCES, ATTRIBUTING THEM NOT TO THE DISTANCE
SEPARATING THE TWO COUNTRIES PHYSICALLY BUT TO ANALOGIES
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IN THEIR POSITIONS ON WORLD PROBLEMS: "LOVERS OF PEACE,

PLEDGED TO THE CAUSE OF DEVELOPMENT," ETC. SIGNALLING PRINCIPAL BRAZILIAN INTEREST, EDITORIAL GOT SPECIFIC ONLY ON STUDY OF ESTABLISHMENT OF MARITIME SERVICE, AND INCREASE IN FLIGHTS AND TOURISM BETWEEN THE TWO. ASSERTING THAT VISIT WILL BE WATERSHED IN BELATERAL RELATIONS, EDITORIAL WENT ON TO REFER TO PRINCIPLES OF NON-INTERVENTION AND ECONOMIC SECURITY "AT THE SERVICE OF DEVELOPMENT," STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF PEACE, AND CONCLUDED "BRAZIL IS RECEIVING PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA WITH THE CONSIDERATION DUE (THIS) FRIEND, THE CONFIDENCE MERITED BY HIS STATESMAN'S VISION, AND THE ATTENTION DUE A COUNTRY WHICH IN A EPOCHS OF HISTORY HAS MAINTAINED WITH ARDOR AND ZEAL THE WORSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE, JUSTICE, AND LIBERTY."

2. SIMILARLY POSITIVE (AND SOMEWHAT PLATITUDINOUS) WAS INTERVIEW GIVEN BY FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA TO EXCELSIOR AND REPRODUCED HERE IN VARYING VERSIONS. ALSO NOTING HISTORY OF HARMONIOUS RELATIONS, SILVEIRA CALLED VISIT EVENT OF HIGHEST CONTINENTAL SIGNFICANCE, AND SAID HE WAS OPTIMISTIC REGARDING FUTURE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. IN RESPONSE TO ANOTHER QUESTION, SILVEIRA SAID HIS ATLANTA STATEMENT ON COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY EMPHASIZED RELEVANCE OF TOPIC TO DEVELOPMENT, IN ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE MORE PRECISE LIMITS TO THEME LAUNCHED AT UN BY BRAZILIAN INITIATIVE. ANSWERING QUESTION ABOUT COMMITTEE TO RESTRUCTURE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM, SILVEIRA STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF ESTABLISHING PRINCIPLES WHICH WILL PERMIT BETTER ORDERING OF RELATIONS BETWEEN LA AND U.S., AND WHICH WILL FAVOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. ASKED ABOUT ACCUSATIONS OF BRAZILIAN EXPANSIONISM, SILVEIRA (IN ONE VERSION) BEGAN BY DECLARING SUCH ASSERTIONS SO GROUNDLESS THAT HE SHOULD NOT BOTHER WITH TOPIC. HE WENT ON TO ASSERT THAT BRAZIL'S EFFORTS TOWARD, AND AGREEMENTS WITH, ITS NEIGHBORS WERE ALL BASED ON FREE CONSENT AND MUTUAL ADVANTAGE. IN ANSWER TO OTHER QUESTIONS, HE EXPRESSED CONTINUING BRAZILIAN SUPPORT FOR LAFTA, AND FOR DEFENSE OF PRIMARY-PRODUCTS PRICES.

3. IN SIGNED COLUMN ON SIGNIFICANCE OF VISIT, WELL-CONNECTED JOURNALIST FLAVIO SALLES (FOLHA DE SAO PAULO) SAID THAT WHILE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POLITICAL MATTERS WILL BE TREATED DURING VISIT, ECONOMIC-COMMERCIAL SIDE WILL GET PRINCIPAL EMPHASIS: THUS JOINT STATEMENT WILL NOT CONTAIN ITEMS SUCH AS THOSE IN LIMA AND BUENOS AIRES CALLING FOR RETURN OF CUBA TO SYSTEM. ACCORDING TO SALLES, ECHEVERRIA IS NOT TRAVELING TO RESOLVE SUCH PROBLEMS, BUT TO FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH SOUTH AMERICA, TO REAFFIRM "NATURAL" HEMISPHERIC LEADERSHIP (ALONG WITH ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL), AND TO COUNTER-ACT THE EFFECTS OF PERON'S SKILLFUL

DIPLOMACY ON THE RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF ARGENTINA AND MEXICO
IN THIS RESPECT. PRESTIGIOUS COLUMNIST CASTELLO BRANCO
DECLARED SIMPLY THAT TALKS DURING THE VISIT WILL BE OBJECTIVE
IN TONE AND LIMITED TO BELATERAL MATTERS.

4. ECHEVERRIA'S ARRIVAL AND ACTIVITIES IN SAO PAULO JULY 21
RECEIVED SUBSTANTIAL COVERAGE DESPITE VERY ROUTINE NATURE
OF EVENTS SO FAR (GREETING AT AIRPORT, VISITS TO TRADE FAIRS,
ETC.). HIGH POINTS ARE HIS VARIOUS DEPARTURES FROM PROTOCOL
(LEAVING PRESCRIBED ROUTE TO GREET NEWSMEN, PASSING UP
OFFICIAL CAR TO RIDE IN BUS WITH ENTOURAGE), AND HIS
REMARKS TO PRESS THAT HE WILL PROPOSE TO THE BRAZILIAN
GOVERNMENT THE RETURN OF CUBA TO THE OAS (AS REPORTED)
AND THAT HE HOPES TO CONCLUDE A NAVIGATION AGREEMENT.
REGARDING THE LATTER POINT, IT HAS BEEN ASSERTED HERE
THAT SUCH AN AGREEMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN NEGOTIATED AND
IS TO BE SIGNED DURING THE VISIT.
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